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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
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Attorney Docket No.	614.1989
Application Number	09/356,445
Filing Date	July 19, 1999
First Named Inventor	Satoshi IWATA et al.
Group Art Unit	2671

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

0.00

Examiner Name

Cliff N. Vo

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/01)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	14	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	12	- 10 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	\$ 168.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of March 5, 2002, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$920); 4 months (\$1,440); 5 months (\$1,960)):

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 168.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 168.00

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(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

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Deposit Account Name

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☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.**SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP**

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Eric Berkowitz

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Satoshi IWATA et al.

Serial No. 09/356,445

Group Art Unit: 2671

Confirmation No. 7838

Filed: July 19, 1999

Examiner: Cliff N. Vo

For: IMAGE GENERATING APPARATUS, DATABASE AND STORAGE MEDIUM

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.311

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Date: 3/5/02

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on March 5, 2002. This Amendment is timely filed via Certificate of Mailing dated March 5, 2002

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Pursuant to the enclosed separate Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes, approval of a corrected drawing of Fig. 1 labeling Fig. 1 as --Prior Art-- is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-9 and ADD new claims 15-17 in accordance with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) An image generating apparatus comprising:
image generating means for generating a sequential character image by connecting a plurality of unit image groups which are respectively defined and guaranteed to indicate one

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